

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Rural communities are the heart and soul of South Dakota and the United States; and,

Whereas, Rural hospitals and health systems are often the economic foundation and the largest employers of their communities; and,

Whereas, The South Dakota Office of Rural Health administers programs such as the Rural Healthcare Facility Recruitment Assistance Program to help communities and facilities recruit healthcare professionals; and,

Whereas, The South Dakota Office of Rural Health administers a trauma care system, including a statewide trauma registry, that involves all hospitals and emergency medical services within the state; and,

Whereas, The South Dakota Office of Rural Health's mission is to improve the delivery of health services to rural and medically underserved communities and to administer a variety of programs to assist rural communities and healthcare facilities; and,

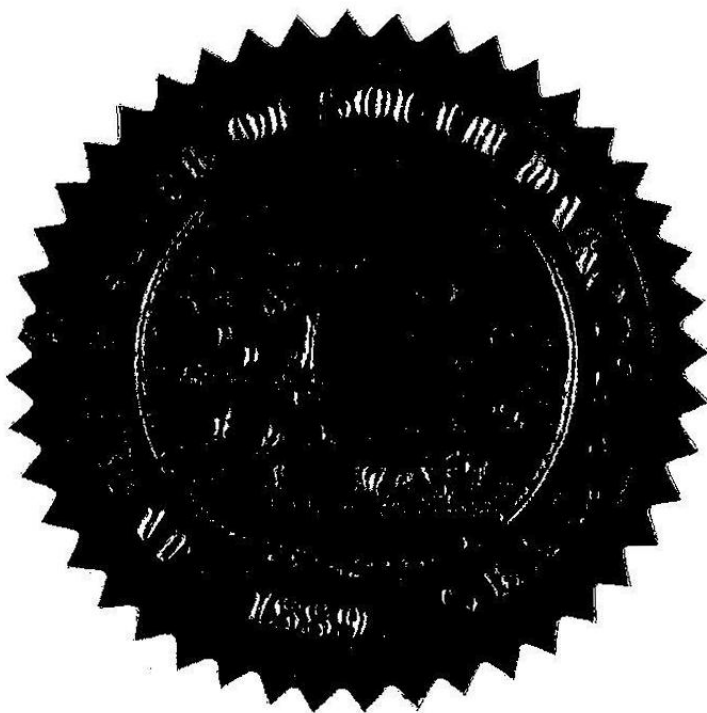
Whereas, The South Dakota Office of Rural Health, the National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health, and other rural stakeholders provide services and resources to foster relationships that help rural communities address their unique healthcare needs; and,

Whereas, National Rural Health Day will be celebrated throughout America on November 20, 2014:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 20, 2014, as

SOUTH DAKOTA RURAL HEALTH DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirtieth Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Fourteen.

Dennis Daugaard
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason M. Gant
Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State